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## Rep. Vorpagel Statement on Passage of Senate Bill 466

**Madison-** State Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) issued the following regarding the passage of Senate Bill 466 relating to prohibiting the funding and use of the Sheboygan Kohler-Andrae air quality monitor:

"This evening the full Assembly voted and passed a piece of legislation that will help Sheboygan County and their non-attainment status. The current Kohler-Andrae EPA air monitor is unscientifically located upwind of factories located outside our state. I was happy to offer this bill that prohibits the DNR from using the Kohler Andrae monitor which primarily picks up air samples off of Lake Michigan.

"Several years ago the state of Wisconsin installed the Haven monitor that is located inland and downwind of Sheboygan area factories and is within the Clean Air limits. By prohibiting the DNR from using data form the Kohler-Andrae monitor and instead using data from the Haven monitor we are more accurately able to monitor the air pollutants put out in Sheboygan County.

"The Kohler-Andrae monitor collects air pollutants coming in to our state that are outside of our control and should be addressed by the federal government. However, by passing this legislation we are making sure that Sheboygan County isn't being unfairly punished and held to strict regulations that are unattainable."

Senate Bill 466 passed the State Senate earlier this week and now goes to the governor for his signature.

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Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) serves the 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly District which includes Kiel, Cleveland, Elkhart Lake, Howards Grove, Plymouth, Kohler, and Sheboygan.